MR. OWEN PEPPER'S **POOR DEDUCTION**

Acto Sam Pearsall's Play in a Game With Bellyband Bush and Others.

TELLS IT AND GOES AWAY

By DAVID A. CURTIS.

"I reckon most likely Sam Pearsall must 'a' done went foolish in his haid," said old man Greenlaw, with a troubled

That he was indignant was clearly wident, but it also seemed as if he were grieved, and his friends, being unaccustomed to seeing him mix his otions. were considerably puzzled He usually took his indignation traight, as if it were whiskey.

Moreover, they were somewhat per-plexed by his reference to Pearsall. They had not seen Sam for some days. but they had ascribed his absence to perfectly natural causes. Liquors etimes had cumulative effects on him, and he was wont to devote occafonal intervals of time to recuperative rest. Because of several precedents of description, therefore, they had given the matter no special consideraion until the old man said what he

That, however aroused not only It had happened, not frequently but ence or twice before, that their com-rade had wandered away and done strange things when they supposed him to be dead to the world Once. mville and had returned as a marted man. There was no telling what might have done this time, and beneuse he had in a manner endeared er less troubled.

"What's he done did now?" asked Take Winterbottom, as one prepared to tradict it, whatever it might be. Re's done runned away." said the countin Sam. old man.

Who was she?" inquired Jim Biaisdell with a cynical grin. "Oh, they wa'n't no woman into it.

f that's what yo' means." said the old "Sam's foolish in the haid, all right, like I done said, but I reckon he ain't altogether plumb crazy, not yet

"Mebbe he ain't 's foolish 's yo' all pears to reckon," suggested Joe Bas- o' buttin' in c'ntinyal. "I dunno but what I mought run away my own self if I was mar-

"That don't prove nothin". They's a heap o' men done runned away, but th' ain't nothin' onder the blue canister o' heaven mo' foolish 'n to try to git away f'm a woman," declared the old per, somewhat arrogantly. He was not

he continued. "A man may git away fr'm ragin' lions, or a flood, by run-

others, but who found it no longer dred left, so he sees Bellyband Bush's possible to refrain from speech. "I hundred an' boosts him fo' the r'main-

single instant it seemed as if Mr. to show is a busted flush. Pepper might be hard put to it to

"Is that so?" he inquired. "How and Mr. Pepper spat on the floor.
If yo' all was to tell somepin' mo' "Yo' po' ign'ant boob!" shouted the bout it? I reckon mebbe it mought old man, reaching for his bungstarter. be some intrestin', even if 'tain't liable "I knowed it all the while. That was to be true, bein's yo' all is a tellin' when Sam come home f'm one o' his

per. "I reckon th' ain't nothin' ree- got his wad, but yo' all is done 'xpmarkable bout it, but it's true enough. lained it. Bellyband Bush must a I seen it my own self an' I ain't got staked him, an' split with him later no 'bjections to tellin' 'bout it, seein' on."

was nearer the door before speaking, but she poised herself as if for flight when he said, with dry emphasis, "I reckon it sho' will sound remarkable

if yo' all tells it the way it reely was." "Oh, I don't know," said Mr. Pep-"Th' on'y thing bout it what struck me as bein' anyways remarkable was where he done got sich a wad as he set in with, fo' he sho' was drunk when he come abo'd at New Orleans, an' I heer'd him pleadin' with the Cap'n fo' to fetch him home, promisin' to pay up when he got hyar. 'Pears the Cap'n knowed him, an'

he 'greed to do it, some ongracious."
"This yer story b'gins all right," said diff rence to Sam how drunk he was. he al'ays knowed enough fo' to git home when he was busted. "Oh, I don't know," said Mr. Pepper.

'Cordin' to what Greenlaw says, he pears to be gwine the other way now." antry, but seeing that it was not well received be hurried on with his story. "Just nachully he done went to sleep tinued, "but next day he was out on deck, an' afo' night he was settin' into a game with a stack o' blues in front a stake fr'm somebody, but I never

knowed who 'twas."
"That was Sam." murmured Winterbottom admiringly, and the others nodded, while Mr. Pepper went on: "They was six on 'em playin', but

they wa'n't on'y two on 'em was p'fessionals outsiden Sam. One on 'em Some nice long green passed o'er was Bellyband Bush an' t'other was Hank Upatree. What made it c'nsid'- And each old liar without a far able int'restin' to me was how I done heer'd some time afo' that what they | The trolley care had gone to bed was bad blood atween them two an their curiosity but also some anxiety. the gen'i 'mpression was how they was mo' liable fo' to be shootin' at one In the middle of the street. another 'n they was fo' to play into Ah! the lies they reeled next day—

"I dunno much 'bout Upatree," said years before, he had strayed as far as c'ncerned, they wa'n't nothin' s'prisin' bout that. He was al'ays c'nsid'able gave to 'musin' hisself, but never 'low it to interfere with business 'Cordin' to what yo' all is a sayin' they imself to them by his sturdy loyalty must a been three suckers playin' an to the common welfare they were more just nachully he'd lay aside all idee of fight till a'ter they'd been skinned.

"Mebbe so." said Mr. Pepper. reckoned they was three on 'em my bear the worst, and unprepared to con- own self. first off, but 'cordin' to what I seen later on they must a been fo'.

"Look a hyar!" exclaimed Bassett with some heat. "If yo' all is gwine to tell what happened, tell it. ain't no call fo' no reflections onto

"Oh, I don't know," said Mr. Penner, They was some cause for coolly. flection into what I done seen. Mebbe yo' all mought think so yo' own self

"Pepper's right, Joe." said Blaisdell way Sam played them blues if yo' all keeps interruptin' the way yo' be. 'Pears to me what mebbe they's somepin' to be learnt 'bout poker, an' that's

"Not when she's yo' wife, th' aint," accustomed to hold the attention of his audience, and he was more or less Hark puffed up.

"He didn't rake down so many pots as some his ownself, but he sho's swolled 'em a heap fo' them what did, f'm time to time. An' he wa'n't no slouch of a player at that, even when he played a lone hand."

"Oh, I don't know," said Mr. Owen Pepper, who had been quietly observant up to this time and had even seemed to find some enjoyment in consequence."

Sam never batted an eye, He just grins again, an' 'counts his chips keer-

seemed to find some enjoyment in con- grins again, an' counts his chips keertemplating the genuine sorrow of the ful, findin' what he has nigh fo' hun-

done seen him lose out into a game, one't, nigh 'bout the most foolish of anythin' I ever seen did."

There was a general start, and for "If that wa'n't the doggonedest fool

escape great peril, but the old man, play I ever seen I'll eat fried tacks, though he gianced at his bungstarter. Yo' can't tell me no mo' bout Sam spoke up quickly and with suspicious Pearsall bein' a expert. Tryin' to and surprising mildness.

trips an' paid fo' the house he lives "Oh, I don't know," said Mr. Pep- into. He never told nobody how he

sam ain't hyar, if yo' uns recly wants He poised his bungstarter aloft and swung it viciously toward the place to hear it."

Nobody but the dove of peace where Mr. Pepper had been sitting, but before the blow fell Mr. Pepper had gone away from there. from one chair to another one that had gone away from there.

POEMS WORTH READING.

Three Artistic Liers of Utica Three liars there were of Utics. Artistic as one might wish. And all you could hear was "fish." Descended from good old Ike 'Twas a day ill spent when they failed

A tale of the trout or pike. Twas an early morn in the month of May When they hopped aboard the train That carried them swiftly Remsen way To the fishing grounds again. They chortled of this, they chortled of that

At the other llars' retort. Friend Perkins's store at the Corners watts For the savant and the sage. Sweet haven of rest for the multitude

With the fragrancy of ites.

soon as he got on the boat," he con- The hours they drift on the wings of time When the tansy bed was right

> With fortitude they held the post Until the air turned blue. Then sighed friend Perkins, the joyou host:
> "The last down train is due."

When they reached old Pent Up So they pussyfoot it home instead

Belleve me, they were great. I can avouch-I was one of them HORACE SETMOTE KELLER.

How unreasonable seems death. How cruel in its claims; How often disregarding The hearts it dulls and mains

We hear of joy supreme In that home beyond the skies But why should youth be called Why dim old and loving eyes? It has been sung that God

Moves in a mysterious way; But why call to the fold Those just entering in life's fray? Why take away the sunshine

Of whom there are a host You claim I'm sacrilegious on a dangerous brink? all that I can offer is:

I've written what I think.

The Month of Sonnets.

the month of sonnets, for the air Is full of melodies of golden key; The book renews the murmurous

The minstrel wind its lutings debonate

And when pale twilight closes tranquilly, arid some impassioned warbler still is there:

o mother, can't I have some cake?
Can't Johnnie have some pie?
Ian't we come in --just us—and take
An apple by and by.
I we both wipe our feet off clean
The way you told us to?
And If we run across Bill Green
Can't Billy have one too?

O mother have you seen my hat,
The one I wear to play?
And, say, ma, where'd I put my bat
And ball the other day?
Cap't Johnnie wear my other shoes
Till his own pair gets dry?
Do you care, mother, if we use
Your old broom by and by?

We want to use the broom to sweep
The home plate off, you see.
And, mother, we want you to keep
Our things for John and me
So we won't lose them when we play.
Our knife and marbles too
Won't you please put them all away
Just as you always do?

If Billy Green should come and knoc At the back kitchen door Tell him we're in the vacant block Right next to Johnson's store. And let him have my other shoes— My old ones—so's to play: He can't play barefoot or we'll lose; He's got to pitch to-day.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Why was Eleventh street never cut through from Fourth avenue to Broad-way? J. C. W.

We are indebted to Mr. Hopper Strike Mott for the following answer:

"The tradition that a favorite fruit tree stood in the bed of Eleventh street and that this fact moved Henry Brevoort to resist its opening may be so, but the undoubted truth that his farmhouse was so located was really the cause of his opposition. This stone house descended to the son Henry, who rebuilt it and carefully avoided making any change in the room in which he was born; though he entirely Penovated the remainder. (Todd Genealogy, Richard Henry Greene, 1867, p. 23). In the proceedings whereby the street was eventually closed no such sentimental objection was raised. For this is how it was prevented.

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SCHOOL FOR CARD PLAYERS.

partner has a better declaration. If at least 50,000 votes should be paid out clubs go round once, dummy can get of the county treasury of each county. In to lead the trumps for the figure. in to lead the trumps for the finesse, the Democratic party was eligible under the act, since its candidate was the only one to receive as much as 50,000 votes. It was agreed that the cost of the elechand should go game.

a few hundred dollars and was then worth to his heirs half a million."

What was the name of the row of cottages on the west side of Seventh avenue between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets? For nearly a year I have been trying to find out. The oldest residents in that locality seem to have forgotten. City maps and old directories do not give the name. Lawrence Osborne.

No. because the opener has not drawn bond for loss of support.

A pedestrian who is deaf must, when asked for into the hand and bet upon the hand for the pool, which is suspicious, to say the least. When the hand if her heaving were good to opener simply asks for a card and does not take it on the discovery of his false openers he forfeits his interest in the current pool, but that is all.

Where a voter acts in good faith in stating to other voters his shelfer has to the tiliness of a candidate for other be is

NOVEL POINTS OF THE LAW.

I am a business man of New York and also a resident of this city. I may change my residence. If I do, will I be exempt from a personal tax next year?

If you go outside the city but remain in New York State you will be taxed where you live, not by the city. If you take your home out of this State you will be taxed will be taxed by New York city upon money, securities or any form of capital invested in your business.

Auction Bridge. J. P. F. says: In a hand played at the Crescent Athletic Club, the score being love all, with a game against the dealer, who passed, second hand bid a club, third hand a heart and the fourth hand held these second hand bid a club, third hand a heart and the fourth hand held these to the ace, queen and one small diaground; ace queen jack ten small in spades. What should he bid, and why?

Three spades. If the second hand is a sound bidder he must have three honors in clubs, and no good player wants to struggle for five odd in clubs if his party whose candidate for Governor at the last preceding election had received partner has a better declaration. If at least 50,000 votes should be paid out was agreed that the cost of the elec- the Manhattan and Franklin chess tion would be at least \$300,000. The court

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matter petitions were thereupon signed by nearly all the owners of lots in the street, both east and west, and after advertising for six weeks for objections and played to the trick. If not the street, both east and west, and after advertising for six weeks for objections and ponce being made, these petitions were the declarer himself cannot take it back and lead from the right hand unlead for the six and for Aldermen and referred to the Standing Committee on Streets, which, after a very full investigation and upon due consideration, came to the conclusion that neither the local nor seneral interest required the opening. On January 1, 1843, they submitted their report and resolved that application be made to the Legislature to amend the map of plan of the city so as to close the street and that the Council of the Corporation that the Council of the Corporation that the Council of the Corporation to a moment. On Y's return the hone for a moment. On Y's return the purpose, which report was adopted and then picks up his hand. In doing so he purpose, which report was adopted and then picks up his hand. In doing so he purpose, which report was adopted and then picks up his hand. In doing so he purpose, which report was adopted and then picks up his hand. In doing so he purpose, which report was adopted and then picks up his hand. In doing so he purpose, which report was adopted and then picks up his hand. In doing so he purpose, which report was adopted and then picks up his hand. In doing so he purpose, which report was adopted and then picks up his hand. In doing so he purpose, which report was adopted and then picks up his hand. In doing so he purpose, which report was adopted and then picks up his hand. In doing so he purpose, which report was adopted and then picks up his hand. In doing so he purpose we have the cared with the redained was passed May 14, 1845.

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City maps and old directories do not give the name. LAWRENCE OSBORNE.

Passing Grace Church the other day I saw two odd looking birds, brownish in color with red feathers on their heads, disporting themselves on the grass, What is their species and where did they come from? J. C. W.

The description is too incomplete to make identification possible. It might fit several varieties of sparrows and, among other birds, one kind of wood-

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F. P. A. says: Dealer bids no trump; second hand two hearts, and third hand says: "Double two hearts, and third hand says: "Double two hearts, and third hand he taxing power is the one to be always the most carefully guarded—cannot be used, in our common, in aid of any political party or to promote the purposes of all political parties. They are an attempt to correct a slip of the cannot be corrected, so third hand must least \$300,000. The court former club in this city on Decoration Day. These matches are being played for possession of the G. C. Reichhelm to be used, in our common, in aid of any political party or to promote the purposes of all political parties. They are no more to be made the objects of the cannot be corrected, so third hand must least \$300,000. The court former club in this city on Decoration Day. These matches are being played for possession of the G. C. Reichhelm to be used, in our common, in aid of any political party or to promote the purposes of all political parties. They are no more to be made the objects of the cannot be corrected, so third hand must cannot be corrected, so third hand must let his declaration stand as a double of two hearts. There is no penalty, howefore, against him, further than being the cannot be corrected, so third hand must let his declaration stand as a double of two hearts. There is no penalty, howefore, against him, further than being the corrected in the further and the former club in this city on Decoration from this city on Decoration of the G. C. Reichhelm to the G. C. Reichelm to the G. C. Reichhelm to the G. C. Reichhelm to the G. C. Reichelm to

the complaint, the real gravamen of the action is an attempt to hold the defendants liable for the pastoral letter. This letter does not require the breach of any contract nor the withholding of any advertising patronage, but warns against the newspaper in question and forbids. Whitaker also announced that he had signed articles for a similar match with Showalter to be hegun at Lexington on June 15. Showalter at present holds the title of Western champion, which he acquired in the last tournament of the Western Cliers Association, held at Exphase who want described and forbids.

BY ANS GAMBET DECLINED.

Hilly Green should come about the back kitched adort
At the back kitched adort
Bight next to lob was associated.
And let him have my other shoes.
My old ones—so's to play:
My

Wanhattans and Franklin Men
to Play on Sixteen
Boards.

WHITAKER GETS BUSY

Weak position of his pawer.

'(1) White has the worst of the game and now abandons his RP in order to seek safety by casting. If Instead, is, PaBP, KixP, threatening KixRP with a strong attacking to capture with the pawn.

(2) It would have been increased to break up his pawn position.

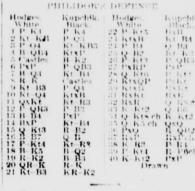
(3) Black could now have safely won the RP with 21 B Ki; BxP; El.

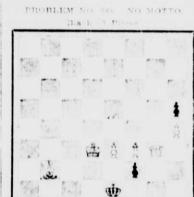
(4) Better would have been 25, P=16, White could now have been 25, P=16, White has the worst of the game and now abandons have been 15, P=16, White have been 25, P=1

> R. Ken TWENTY

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